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Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?







# Are You a Believer?

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**I** FEAR THAT many of us misconstrue the meaning of "believer." Although it is very simple to be a believer, it is not quite so simple as some would have us think. We must not have the idea that because we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that he died for us on the cross we are believers. There are millions today under the impression they are on their way to heaven because they believe this.

There are two groups of believers spoken of in the Bible. James tells us that the devils believe and tremble; but they are not "Bible" believers. Let us look at Simon the sorcerer in Acts, the 8th chapter. The Bible says that when Simon himself believed and was baptized, he followed Philip (Acts 8:13), beholding the miracles which he did. However, when Peter and John came down from Jerusalem, Peter took one look at Simon and said, "Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent . . . and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine

heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bonds of iniquity." Peter's word cut Simon to the quick (pricked his heart). **SIMON DID NOT ARGUE THE QUESTION**, as many people would today. He said, "pray ye to the Lord for me." People, when a man of God speaks under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, there is no real argument. He simply leaves no room for any. God speaks through him and means what He says, and says what He means, invariably baffling the wisdom of this world. What was wrong with Simon's believing? The Bible says he believed and was baptized. Friend, he only had brain religion; he had religion in the head. God did not say, "Son, give me thine head." God said "give me thine heart." **ARE YOU A BELIEVER?**

Then, what is a believer? What constitutes a Bible believer? Let us go to the Bible for the answer. In 1 John 5:10 we find, "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." In Romans 10:9, 10 the Scriptures declare, "If

thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **FOR WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVETH UNTO RIGHT-EOUSNESS. . . .**" That is what constitutes a Bible believer. Heaven is a power house. If we never contact it, we will never feel its effects. Thus, in order to be saved, we must make contact with the heavenly power house. God does not slip upon us and save us and let us know nothing about it until the judgment. We know it now! **ARE YOU A BELIEVER?**

Man is born out of tune with God because of Adam's transgression. In order to be redeemed, which means to be "bought back," we must repent. Jesus said in Luke 13, "But except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." When a person truly repents, God speaks to the recording angel and has him to inscribe the repentant sinner's name in the Lamb's Book of Life. I cannot tell you in detail how this is done. The Bible says it is done through faith in the operation of God. So our job is to have faith and God's job is to do the operating. When He is through, we are not patched up; we have not turned over a new leaf; but we are a new creation.

Now that we are in the family of God, let us move on into deeper water, in faith. In Mark's Gospel, we read in the 16th chapter, verse 16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned," (or condemned). Most people will agree on that verse. Yet, Jesus spoke all the remaining verses in this chapter. "These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues." Some say, "yes, I speak with a new tongue—I no longer swear; I now use my tongue for the glory of God." But let us notice that this Scripture does not say "tongue." It says *tongues*—plural—which means many or varied languages. "They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them," (meaning

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# "How to Get an Answer From God"

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*"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"*  
James 5:16.

I WOULD NOT have you think from this sermon title that I think myself a "know it all" or an expert on teaching others; I simply want to ask you: Has there ever been a day when prayer was more needed than today? Has there ever been a time when an answer from heaven was more needed than now? Has there ever been more sin abroad, more crime being committed, more spiritual blindness than there are today? It was in the face of some of these devastating facts the the President of these United States, on a nation-wide broadcast, recently urged the American people to pray. He also reminded us that the hope of America lies not in its military strength only, but in its moral and spiritual forces also. His words reminded me of that night many years ago when God told Solomon: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven . . ." In view of our great need to hear from heaven today, I think any information to help us get that answer from God should be most welcomed, and here in this text we have just such information. I believe any prayer prayed in the manner in which James instructs us in our text will get results every time.

**YOU MUST BE RIGHTEOUS.** It is important to notice that if a man expects God to answer his prayers, he must live a righteous

life. God does not promise to answer sinners' prayers. John 9:31 says, "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." Now the dear Lord will regard the sinners' cry of repentance, and in mercy will forgive him. But Friend, if you are one of God's children and you walk uprightly before Him in righteousness, God has promised: Matthew 7:9, 11, "What man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father . . . give good things to them that ask him." If you are one of God's righteous children, then you have a right to look up into the blue skies and ask God for the things you need. Listen to what one who had found God to be all sufficient to him is saying to the saints over in Philippi: "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." If you live righteously, the promises of God are yours. God has always honored righteousness. When those two cities, Sodom and Gomorrah, were so wicked, God promised Abraham that if ten righteous people could be found, He, for their sakes, would spare the cities. Certainly, righteousness was valuable then. It was the righteousness of Noah that saved the human race from destruction, for Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. (Genesis 6-8) Be-

cause Hezekiah walked before the Lord in truth and did those things which were pleasing in His sight, when the Lord told him he would die and Hezekiah prayed, the Lord changed His mind because of Hezekiah's righteous life and added to his life fifteen years. Now the Bible is filled with such accounts, and God still hears the prayers of the righteous.

**YOU MUST PRAY AN EFFECTUAL PRAYER:** This means that your prayers must have an effect on God. Now there are many prayers which do not have an effect on God, and these prayers are never answered. Jesus was talking about such prayers in Matthew 6 when He said, "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, THAT THEY MAY BE SEEN OF MEN." Such prayers do not move God. Jesus also warned against using vain repetitions as the heathen do, for they think they shall be heard for their much speaking. Friends, it takes more to get hold of God than just being able to call Him lovely names and using beautiful phraseology. It seems that many people try to pray so beautifully, they forget to pray effectually. Once, when I was pastoring a small church, I stopped one day to visit a lady who lived nearby. She wasn't a member of my church, but she had been ill and confined to her bed. I went in and talked with her about the Bible and then commenced to pray for her. In my

simple and humble way, I asked God to raise her up and deliver her from her disease. When I had finished my prayer and looked up at her, she was staring at me; and with a look of fascination, she said, "Brother Paul, I think that was the most beautiful prayer I have ever heard in my life." She wasn't thinking about how much God could do for her as a result of the prayer; she was listening to see how beautifully I could pray. Yes, many people are listening for the beautiful phraseology, but God is listening for the effectual prayer.

Here is an example: Acts 10; His name was Cornelius; he lived in Caesarea. Cornelius was a devout man, and one who feared God and gave much alms to the people and prayed always. Now, I think there was one thing for which he was praying. Since the day of Pentecost, thousands had been and were receiving the Holy Ghost in the revivals being conducted by the disciples of Jesus and others, but all of those receiving the Holy Ghost were Jews and none were Gentiles. Cornelius, however, was a Gentile, and he wanted to receive the Holy Ghost. I think this was the main thing he was praying about, and he wouldn't quit. No doubt the devil said to him, "Cornelius, God won't even pay any attention to your prayers." Cornelius said, "Oh yes he will pay attention. I will stack prayers so high around the throne until every way He looks, He will have to see my prayers." So he piled them up. When he didn't get an answer the first time, he prayed again, and again, and again, until the Bible says an angel came down and said, "Cornelius, your prayers have come up as a memorial before God." Hallelujah! His was an effectual prayer. The Bible teaches and urges such persistence in prayer. Jesus wasn't trying to mislead us when He gave us the story about the unjust judge and the widow. The judge said, "Though I fear not God, nor regard man; yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. She won't quit coming, so I am

going to take her case just to get her to stop bothering me." Jesus said, "Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them." I tell you He will avenge them speedily. Mother, suppose your little child comes into the house some morning and says, "Mommie, I want a little piece of bread; I'm hungry." You say, "Just a minute, dear, I am so busy right now." The little boy says, "No, Mommie, I don't want to wait; I want it now." "O.K., just a minute; let me get these few dishes washed and then, I will." He falls down on the floor and begins crying, "Please give it to me now; I am starving to death." I suppose you will begin to dry your hands off as you start for the breadbox. Jesus taught us to be persistent in our prayers—not that we can command God to do things; but what we have in His Word is ours for the asking and receiving. Many times, when I have been in distress, I have gone into the bedroom, laid my Bible on the bed and got on my knees beside the bed. I would open my Bible to those promises like Mark 11:24, point my finger to them and say, "Now, dear heavenly Father, you left this Word here for us to go by; now I believe you will do what you say you will." Friends, it will work. It will have its effect in heaven. It will move God; and when you move God, you will get an answer to your prayers.

**YOU MUST PRAY A FERVENT PRAYER:** Noah Webster says the word "fervent" means "hot." So in the light of this, it would mean a red hot prayer. I love to think of it on this wise. In Matthew 3:11, John the Baptist said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with FIRE." When we begin to look around us and see how fire power is being used in the world today, we can appreciate the fire power of the Holy Ghost in our lives. It is fire power that takes the locomotive down the

tracks pulling a hundred loaded cars. It is fire power that causes the automobile to run a hundred miles an hour. It is fire power that sends the jet plane through the skies faster than sound; and if this be true, I believe when a saint of God, filled with the Holy Ghost and set on fire, gets on his knees with an urgent need from heaven, and the fire power of the Holy Ghost gets behind that prayer it will go through the territory of the devil (the prince and the power of the air) so fast, the devil will wonder the rest of his life what it was that came through so quickly. Such was the fervent prayer of Peter in Acts 9:40. It all happened in a few minutes. Everyone went out of the room but Peter and the dead girl. Peter kneeled down and prayed; then he raised up and said, "Arise." She opened her eyes and sat up. Oh, Brother, God still answers prayers. You say, preacher, did you say you had to be filled with the Holy Ghost to get an answer to your prayers. I didn't say that, but it seems to me that the Spirit-filled person has a great advantage. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

**THE RESULTS OF SUCH A PRAYER:** In closing I would like to have you notice the results of an effectual fervent prayer. Did you notice that the Bible said it would avail much. Now that is wonderful because of how much, much is. The dictionary can't tell you how much, much is. It will just tell you it is a great quantity. But how great a quantity? When the Bible said the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much it meant, Brother, that whatever your needs are, it will cover them. It meant whatever your needs are, Sister, it will cover them also. When needs are great, prayer availeth much. When needs are even greater, prayer availeth much more. Oh, friend, can you see what James is telling us here? He is saying, much is so much that there is just no limit to how much much can be. But you can be sure that it is enough to supply all your (Continued on page 10)

# The Work of the Holy Ghost Through the Ages

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**L**ET US BEGIN at the beginning. No, not the beginning of the Holy Ghost, for He, like the other Members of the Trinity, is from eternity to eternity. We will, however, begin at the beginning of inspired record, so far as God has revealed to man's knowledge.

The fact that Jehovah and Jesus and the Holy Ghost have always worked together in harmony is evidence that the **THREE** of them were working together in Genesis 1:1.

Now from a chronological view-

point, the fall of Lucifer took place between the first and second verses of the first chapter of Genesis. So, when you read the first verse of the Bible, you are reading the account of the original creation of heaven and earth. The Bible proves that the earth was originally ruled by Lucifer. Isaiah 14:12-14; 45:18; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Jeremiah 4:23-28.

How long Lucifer ruled is not known. But he became proud and tried to go into heaven and take over the throne of God. Michael, one of the chief princes, met him and cast him back to earth. God then placed Lucifer's kingdom under the curse described in Genesis 1:2, and the earth went into a chaotic state. Genesis 1:1, 2; Psalms 68:33; 93:2; 102:25; Micah 5:2; Proverbs 8:22, 23; John 1:1; Acts 15:18; Ephesians 3:9; Ecclesiastes 3:11; Isaiah 45:18; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Psalm 8:3-6; Colossians 1:15-19; 2 Peter 3:6.

Modern geologists with their scientific methods have arranged the following outline of the ages, which in a few instances is contrary to the Bible, but which in general is as true as man is capable of producing without divine inspiration. I shall give the geologists' outline; then I shall follow the outline as found in the Word of God.

1. About 1,800,000,000 years ago, during the era known as the **PROTOZOIC PERIOD**, there appeared some sort of seaweeds, kelps, diatoms, and stoneworts.

2. Then came the **CAMBRIAN PERIOD**, about 70,000,000 years, with its trilobites, and invertebrates.

3. The **ORDOVICIAN PERIOD**, about 90,000,000 years, when the first fish appeared in the oceans.

4. The **SILURIAN PERIOD**, about 40,000,000 years, during which time the scorpions and lungfish appeared.

5. The **DEVONIAN PERIOD**, about 50,000,000 years, marked the appearance of snails and land plants.

6. The **CARBONIFEROUS ERA**, about 85,000,000 years, introducing

the first snakes, primitive insects, seed ferns, and ammonites.

7. The **PERMIAN ERA**, about 25,000,000 years, when reptiles, modern insects, and other plant life came into being.

8. The **TRIASSIC ERA**, about 35,000,000 years, introducing the dinosaurs, bony fishes, and cycad-like plants.

9. The **JURASSIC ERA**, about 35,000,000 years, first birds, first mammals, the diversification of reptiles, the climax of ammonites, and the coniferous trees.

10. The **LOWER CRETACEOUS ERA**, about 30,000,000 years, the rise of the flowering plants.

11. The **UPPER CRETACEOUS ERA**, about 30,000,000 years, when primitive mammals appeared. The dinosaurs disappeared and the ammonites vanished from earth.

12. The **LOWER TERTIARY ERA**, about 25,000,000 years, when there was a rapid development of mammals, insects and plants.

13. The **UPPER TERTIARY ERA**, about 35,000,000 years, modern animals and plants appeared much as they are today.

14. The **QUATERNARY ERA**, about 1,000,000 years, when man rose to dominance.

The geologists say that they have discovered rocks that can be dated to about 1,850,000,000 years ago.

Of course, all this mortarboard chit-chat leaves little room for faith in God and His Word, since it is designed by men who have little, if any, faith in the inspiration of the Bible. However, it does prove that there was a kingdom of animals and vegetable life on earth **LONG BEFORE THE TIME OF ADAM**.

Now I will list the outline of the ages as it is recorded in the Bible.

1. **IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH**. This could easily have been 1,850,000,000 years ago or the time of the oldest dated rock.

2. **GOD** placed the millions of planets and suns and moons and stars under the jurisdiction of various powers, principalities, kingdoms, etc. But **GOD** retained his



**SOVEREIGNTY** over all creation.

3. GOD placed His own SON over the planets belonging to our solar system. The Second Person of the Trinity was Ruler over all other subrulers in this solar system.

4. Jesus, the same as the Word of God, placed Lucifer as the ruler of this earth (Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:11-19).

5. Jesus created other kingdoms, powers, principalities, etc., throughout this system (Ephesians 1:10, 17-23; 3:10; 6:12; Philipians 2:9-11; Colossians 1:16-19; 2:23; Romans 8:38; Colossians 2:15).

6. In Lucifer's kingdom, on this earth, there were all the seaweeds, kelps, scums, stoneworts, invertebrates, trilobites, boneless fish, scorpions, lungfish, snails, land plants, serpents, insects, ferns, ammonites, reptiles, dinoceras, dinosaurs, dinotheres, bony fishes, birds, mammals, coniferous trees, flowering plants, etc.

**BUT THERE WAS NOT A MAN.** Lucifer's kingdom of intelligent beings consisted of ANGELS—not men.

7. Lucifer ruled for an unknown period of time.

8. Lucifer sinned. He failed in his war against God and was cast back to the earth.

9. The earth was cursed and went into the CHAOTIC STATE mentioned in Genesis 1:2.

10. During this CHAOTIC STATE, all those kinds of life mentioned under number 6 above were destroyed—but not all at one time. It is very possible that the subversion of the phenomena of nature took place periodically; and locally, so that many millions of years may have elapsed before all forms of life were destroyed.

During this CHAOTIC age, all those eras of the Geological Time Scale took place. Whether they lasted as long as has been estimated is purely guess work and conjecture.

There are many points of fact that occurred during this time, which neither the Bible nor science can pinpoint conclusively. So the best we can do is to accept the general **FACTS OF SCIENCE** as long as they **DO NOT DISPUTE A**

**DIRECT STATEMENT** of God's Word.

If the scientists will be as liberal and as charitable toward the Bible as the Christians are toward science, I am sure that we can arrive at a common understanding on most of these points of difference. If we will begin with those many, many facts which are congruent and compatible to both science and the Scriptures, I'm sure we can work out a mutual understanding concerning the cataclysmic subversion of natural phenomena pertinent to this period under discussion.

11. **AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD MOVED UPON THE FACE OF THE WATERS** (Genesis 1:2).

Here, again, we have no means of knowing how long the Spirit of God moved upon the face of this CHAOTIC SOLAR SYSTEM called the WATERS.

We do know that this **THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY** was sent to make some sort of order out of the chaos so that GOD could reorganize and replenish the earth, and give it to another lord (landlord).

12. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

It must be understood that **ALL THIS SOLAR SYSTEM WAS IN THIS CHAOTIC STATE.** No other explanation will fit the Bible.

The Nebular Hypothesis, advanced by scientists, may well have taken place at this time. Certainly the sun was NOT created at this time since it WAS created in the beginning, and had been shining on earth all through Lucifer's reign. This means that God did the thing that is stated in the following step.

13. And God said, Let there be a **FIRMAMENT** (expansion, known to us today as heaven, or space) **IN THE MIDST OF THE WATERS**, and let it divide the WATERS (that were above the firmament, of which the sun and other planets are concerned) from the WATERS (which were under the firmament, of which the earth and the atmosphere is concerned).

And God made the firmament and divided the WATERS which were under the firmament FROM

the WATERS which were above the firmament: and it was so.

**AND GOD CALLED THE FIRMAMENT HEAVEN** (Genesis 1:6-8).

We are not too concerned with what happened with, or to, the **WATERS ABOVE THE FIRMAMENT, OR HEAVEN.** We do know that there was a certain amount of order and system re-established among the planets, and that it is so until this day. We also know that the heavens, and **THE WATERS ABOVE THE HEAVENS**, were brought into a state of subservience to GOD, because Psalm 148:4 says, **PRAISE HIM, ye heavens of heavens, AND YE WATERS THAT BE ABOVE THE HEAVENS.**

And the evening and the morning were the second day (Genesis 1:2-8).

14. Now after GOD brought order to the heavens and caused most of the chaotic condition to be lifted from the planets and from the sun, He then turned His attention to **THE WATERS THAT WERE UNDER THE HEAVENS.**

And GOD said, **LET THE WATERS UNDER THE HEAVENS** be gathered together unto one place, **AND LET THE DRY LAND APPEAR:** and it was so. And GOD called the dry land **EARTH:** and the gathering together of the WATERS called he **SEAS:** and GOD saw that it was good (Genesis 1:9, 10).

This explains that GOD took the chaotic **WATERS UNDER THE HEAVENS**, and divided the water from the land, and brought the earth into being, much as it is today, speaking from a geological point of view.

15. And GOD said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so (Genesis 1:11).

This was the work of the third day.

16. GOD re-established the sun, moon, and stars, and the other planets, to serve in their original capacity, as they had served back in Lucifer's kingdom; they divided the day and night, and served for signs, seasons, days, years, and for

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**B**E NOT DRUNK with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." This is an earnest pastoral admonition to the church at Ephesus. This church had already received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as a vital Christian experience. The doctrine of the Holy Spirit had no doubt been established as a fundamental doctrine of the church. It is possible that the church at Ephesus had set a day of each year to celebrate Pentecost. There is no doubt in my mind that the church at Ephesus was very familiar with the doctrine of the Holy Ghost.

However, the writer of this epistle knew that there was a vast difference in *having received* the Holy Ghost and *being filled* with the Spirit. He knew the danger of developing the "memorial complex," of trying to live on past experiences. Past experiences offer a wealth of pleasant memories, but they cannot be cashed in for strength sufficient for today. Paul also knew there was quite a difference in being orthodox in belief and a vital up-to-date Christian experience. In fact, the difference will determine whether we succeed or fail, enjoy or endure, live or die in our Christian experience. Therefore, he admonished the church to be filled with the Spirit and live daily with the fresh anointing of God upon their souls.

It is said that America has the highest per capita boredom of any spot on earth. America, with all its progress, development, achievements, wealth, political and religious freedom, opportunities, and variety. Why is this so? The Lord Jesus answers this question. "... A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." There is no geographical spot on earth, no political power, no position, no material wealth, no social status, no profession or achievement that can bring a sense of complete satisfaction to man. Life does not consist of these things.

It is also a fact that the abundant life does not consist in any specific Christian experience. There are certain Christian experiences



necessary to the full, happy, radiant Christian life; but these experiences, regardless of how phenomenal, do not guarantee our perpetual Christian health. Most of our extraordinary, phenomenal, outstanding experiences came as a result of some crisis. We were saved from the struggle of sin and death. Sanctification came as we sought to be more like Him and less like the world. We were filled with the Holy Ghost because we felt we could not live without Him. When the meal barrel was empty, when our child was at the point of death, when our strength had utterly failed, we cried out in desperation and God miraculously delivered in supernatural strength and power. However, no Christian experience has served its purpose unless it makes a lasting impression in our daily living. If there are any people on earth living useful, happy, radiant lives, they should be those who have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

I regret to say that this is not true in many cases. There are absolutely too many in our Pentecostal churches today who have lost their first love, zeal and fervency of their thrilling Pentecostal experience. Many are cold, indifferent, sad and despondent. *They are not living the more abundant life.* Why is this so? It is because they have failed to realize that the baptism of the Holy Ghost came into their lives with an eternal purpose and not for a momentary religious sensation. When one receives the baptism of the Spirit, he only re-

ceives a means to an end. He does not reach the summit, but only receives power for the climb. He has not won the fight, but the necessary equipment with which to win. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The most thrilling and prosperous results of the Spirit come after baptism. Each day will be filled with anticipation, interest and expectancy, if we keep before us the eternal design and purpose of the Holy Spirit that is working constantly in our hearts. Every day with Jesus will be sweeter than the day before.

Jesus said in John 14:26, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he *shall teach you all things*, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." A teacher is one who communicates knowledge to another. God has sent the Holy Spirit as a special teacher to instruct the church in the Word. It is a comfort to know that as Spirit-filled Christians, we have the Holy Spirit to enlighten and teach us the true meaning of the Word of God. The world is not only "all shook up," but it is "all mixed up" in religious beliefs. Paul said that in the latter times, some would depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. People by the millions are being deceived today through false doctrine. But, thank God, there is absolutely no need for a Spirit-filled person to err from the truth when the Spirit of Truth is giving

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him divine inspiration. As Paul sat at the feet of the celebrated doctor of the law, Gamaliel, we sit at the feet of the divine Holy Spirit of grace Who communicates to us daily the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

John said in 1 John 2:27, "... Ye need not that any man teach you." This does not mean that we are not to get spiritual instructions from ministers, teachers, commentaries, encyclopedias, good Christian books and literature. God uses these ministries to build up and strengthen the church. However, it does mean that we do not have to depend upon the intellect and wisdom of the world. The intellect of this world is not dedicated to the Spirit. They are using their minds and genius to probe the universe with instruments that can only accomplish physical and material results. Even if they should use their intellectual powers to analyze spiritual truth, their analysis could not be trusted. For the Bible says, "... the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14). Physical effort, regardless of how intellectual it might be, will only produce physical results.

"But God hath revealed them unto us by the Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." The Spirit-filled Christian is being taught each day through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Gospel truth that stimulates,

assures and makes life worthwhile. "Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning . . . Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness" (Psalm 143:8, 10).

Not only is the Holy Spirit a Teacher, but He is also a Guide. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." A guide is one that directs a course, being intimately acquainted with the difficulties and problems of the way. He not only instructs, but he leads the way and directs the operation. It is one thing to be told how to do something and quite another to be shown how. The great advantage television has over radio is that it appeals to the eye as well as to the mind. We like to see truth demonstrated as well as taught. The Apostle Paul used this method of teaching. He said, "Be ye followers of me as I follow Christ." Oh praise God, the Holy Spirit is constantly leading, guiding, directing the Spirit-filled Christian. No wonder they are speaking to themselves in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in their hearts unto the Lord, giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. They have something to sing about.

More people are looking forward to a vacation each year. They thrill

to the prospect of getting away from the regular humdrum of everyday surroundings and seeing new places and adventures, even though their time is very limited. Oh! how time does pass when we are seeing so many new and interesting things. But this is exactly what is going on in the heart of the Spirit-filled Christian. Each day the Holy Spirit carries them on a new and exciting excursion through the eternal Word of God. There are so many points of interest from Genesis to Revelation and the Holy Spirit explains the background, significance and spiritual meaning of every event. If we should live a million years and live each day in the Spirit, there would be no need for one dull, drab, uninteresting moment in our life. We would be moving from one thrilling point of interest to another, with an occasional glimpse at the things to come.

And then, the Holy Spirit is not only a Teacher and a Guide, but He is a Comforter. John 14:15, 16, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." The word Comforter means, "called to one's side." Our Lord Jesus was full of compassion. He reached out and helped weak and suffering humanity. However, our Lord's ministry was, in a sense, limited. He was only one person, who could be at one place at a time. He was restricted, in a measure, from doing all He wanted to do for all the people. He said to the Greeks who came to share His spiritual blessings, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24). Before our Lord could destroy the power of Satan, redeem and cleanse man's heart from sin, satisfy the deepest longing in man's soul, and endow him with spiritual power from on high, He must die on the cross, be resurrected, and ascend back to the right hand of God. "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

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## ARE YOU A BELIEVER?

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accidentally). "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Let us pause and ask ourselves this question: "Do these signs follow me?" "Am I a believer?" These signs are what God's Word declares characterizes a believer. Let us not listen to man when he tries to explain away these things; for after the explanation, they remain in the Bible. Let us listen to our Lord and be led by Him, the One who purchased this salvation for us with His own blood. Surely He knows whereof He speaks and He will not lead us wrong. He said, "the words I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." Our Lord is the living Word, the Bible is the written Word; and Jesus will stand behind every word of the Bible, for they are His words. He has the power to put the written word into action; but in order for Him to do so, He must have believers on this earth to work through. **ARE YOU A BELIEVER?**

Jesus said in St. John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and GREATER works than these shall he do; because I go unto my father." The general explanation of this Scripture is that He meant the Church, that it would expand and take in more territory. But let us look closer. Jesus said, "HE," not "THEY," and this pinpoints the individual. God help us to accept the Word of God as Jesus meant for us to without any reservation whatsoever.

God has many believers in this world, and I believe He is always looking for one more to read, believe, and accept what He says. This is a sick world—sick in body, sick in mind, and last but not least, sick in spirit. Our mental hospitals are full; all other hospitals are full; we have reached the place where we cannot cope with the situation. The need becomes greater each day. Our only hope is Christ! God give us more men like Oral Roberts and Vep Ellis, who will dare to take God's Word at face value; men through

whom God can work; men for whom the Gospel will "work."

Jesus tells us in Mark 11:23, 24 that when we pray for anything to believe we are going to receive it and to not doubt in our hearts and we shall have whatsoever we ask. James says, "Let us ask in faith, nothing wavering, for he that wavereth is like the wave of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed; for let not that man think he shall receive anything from the Lord." I am persuaded that is the case with many of us. We are like the wave of the sea—up and down, up today, down tomorrow; and as a result, we receive not. God help us to be as Abraham of old. God said to him when he was old, "Abraham, take a walk tonight and try to count the stars, if you can; then you will have some idea of how many offspring you are going to have." Then he told him, "You are going to have a son—you and Sarah—and he will come forth out of your own loins." Romans 4:19-25 says, "And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, . . . neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness." Did God speak this only for the benefit of Abraham? NO! The next verse says it was not written for his sake alone, but for us also to whom it shall be imputed **IF WE BELIEVE** on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead. How many of us would have said, "Lord, wife and I are too old to have children; it cannot be!" From a human standpoint we reason this way. But the promise did not stagger Abraham. We cannot gauge faith by human reasoning. Faith goes beyond the five senses of man; it takes hold of the impossible and rocks the very throne of God. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. **ARE YOU A BELIEVER?**

In St. John 7:37, 38 we hear Jesus say, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that

believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." First, the fruits of the spirit will flow out from us, such as love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, **FAITH**. Then, if we follow on after the Lord, there will come the gifts of the Spirit, such as knowledge, wisdom, discernment, **FAITH**, prophecy, gifts of healing, etc. **ARE YOU A BELIEVER?**



## HOW TO GET AN ANSWER FROM GOD

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needs. It is not so much the long prayers that get results, nor the ones most beautifully phrased—nor even those most eloquently prayed, but the Bible says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Did you ever read the story of the little woman in some mission field who had been converted to Christianity for only about one week when her little daughter became ill with a terrible fever and was dying. The village doctor said she wouldn't live another hour. The mother rushed to the mission station and asked the missionary to please pray for her daughter's healing. The missionary said, "I saw such simple faith and trust in that woman's request that I said, 'Sister, why don't you ask Jesus to heal her; you are a Christian now. He is your Jesus too.'" (She had been saved only one week), she didn't know how to pray, but she began, "Jesus, these people tell me You heal, and I believe You do. And the doctor says my little girl is so sick she won't live another hour. Please, Jesus, whatever you are doing now, could You quit long enough to come and heal her, because I'm afraid if You wait any longer it will be too late to get here." In her ignorance she continued, "Now if You don't know where I live, you go down this road (pointing with her finger) and turn the first little road that way (still pointing) the first house that has a fence around it is mine. There's no need to knock on the door because she's not able to get up,

and I won't be home yet." (She was expecting an answer right away) The missionary said, "My heart was touched; with tears streaming down my face, I said, 'Let's go and see what the Lord has done.' We walked up to the house, the door opened and a little black-faced girl came through smiling, healed by the power of God." Oh, yes, when the effectual, fervent prayer is prayed, God still answers from heaven. So let us always remember to:

PRAY for the sorrow-laden;  
PRAY for the tempted soul;  
PRAY for the saint, the faithful,  
Pressing toward the goal.  
PRAY for the missionaries,  
Toiling beyond the deep;  
PRAY for the heathen millions,  
Over them, pray and weep.

PRAY that the truth triumphant  
Over the wrong many win;  
PRAY for the reign of power  
Crushing the monster, sin.

PRAY for the Bridegroom's coming;  
Surely 'twill not be long.

PRAYER shall then turn to shouting  
And the victor's song.

#### THE WORK OF THE HOLY GHOST THROUGH THE AGES

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light upon the earth (verses 14-19).

This was the work of the fourth day.

17. And GOD said, Let the waters (seas) bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And GOD created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind; and GOD saw that it was good. And GOD blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth (Genesis 20-22).

This was the work of the fifth day.

18. And GOD said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing,

and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so (Genesis 1:24).

This was the work of the first part of the sixth day.

19. And GOD said, LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, after our likeness: and LET THEM HAVE DOMINION (in Lucifer's place) over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth . . . And GOD blessed them, and GOD said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and SUBDUE IT . . . (Genesis 1:26-31).

"Subdue" is from the Hebrew *kabash*, and means to tread down, to conquer, to subjugate and to keep under. Thus, we learn that GOD is telling Adam to tread down the earth and to keep it under subjection; that is, do not allow Lucifer to regain control of it.

This was the work of the last part of the sixth day.

20. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

AND THUS SIN ENTERED INTO THE WORLD (Romans 5:12).

IN THE ABOVE 20 POINTS we have set forth, as well as we know from the Bible, the way things were brought to pass in the over-all plan of GOD for the ages.

It was necessary that we go into this detail because of the great importance attached to these things in the Divine Plan. The THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY, the Great Holy Ghost, played a most important part in all of the above activities.

It was by and through the Holy Ghost that the Second Person ruled and ordered things in this solar system BEFORE the fall of Lucifer; it was the Holy Ghost who moved upon the face of the chaotic waters and wrought a certain amount of order and light before Jesus accomplished the things in the recreation of the earth.

In every instance, when the Bible says, And GOD said LET, sig-

nifies that GOD is DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO ANOTHER, and is saying to this OTHER Person, Let, or allow, or cause to be, etc. In these instances, GOD is saying to the Second Person, Let thus and thus be done; then the Second Person, by THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST, did thus and thus; and it was so. But the thing most concerning the Holy Ghost is that IT WAS THROUGH THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT THAT THE SECOND PERSON WORKED. And we recall that when Jesus was on earth, He still worked UNDER THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY GHOST (Psalms 2:2; 45:7; Acts 4:27; 10:38; Luke 4:18; Isaiah 61:1; Acts 2:22).

When GOD desired to help man back to the moral paths of rectitude, He worked with man through the Holy Ghost (Genesis 6:3). And GOD is still using the Holy Ghost to bring men to Himself through the Lord Jesus Christ, and to help them live above sin (Galatians 5:16, 17; Romans 8:14; John 3:5-8).

GOD used the Holy Ghost to inspire His prophets with His Word in olden times; to foretell the coming of Jesus, and to inspire the writers of the New Testament (Daniel 9:24; Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Ezekiel 37:7; Luke 1:67; Acts 2:17, 18; 1 Peter 1:10-12; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 1:21).

GOD's purpose in shedding abroad the attributes of the Holy Ghost in our hearts and lives is as follows:

1. FRUIT BEARING—John 15:2-8; Galatians 5:16, 17; 5:22-26; Ephesians 5:9.

2. WITNESSING FOR CHRIST—John 15:26, 27; Acts 1:8; 4:20.

3. EDIFYING THE SAINTS — Isaiah 28:11, 12; John 16:7; Romans 8:26, 27; 1 Corinthians 14:4.

4. OPERATING THE GIFTS — 1 Corinthians 12.

5. POWER FOR SERVICE—Acts 1:8; John 16:7-11.

6. TO TAKE SPIRIT-FILLED PEOPLE IN THE RAPTURE—John 14:15, 16; Acts 5:32; Romans 8:11; 8:23; 2 Corinthians 1:21-23; 5:1-9; Ephesians 1:11-14; 4:30; James 5:7, 8.



**THE HOLY GHOST IS GOD'S AGENT IN THE EARTH** today, carrying on the work that Jesus started when He was on earth. Not only does the Holy Ghost work in the church, but He works **IN THE WORLD**, reproving them (the world) of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8).

**IT IS THE HOLY GHOST WHO DOES THE FOLLOWING THINGS IN THE PLAN AND PURPOSE OF GOD, AND IN AND FOR THE PLAN OF SALVATION:**

1. Convicts the sinner's heart and leads him to Jesus.
2. Helps the sinner say that Jesus is the Lord (1 Corinthians 12:3).
3. Works the New Birth, thus bringing the sinner into a state of justification and sonship before God (John 3:1-8).
4. Cries Abba, Father, through the heart and mind of the believer (Romans 8:14, 15).
5. Witnesses with the believer's spirit and tells him that he is a child of God (Romans 8:16).
6. Sanctifies the Believer (Romans 15:16; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Hebrews 10:14, 15; 1 Peter 1:2).
7. Manifests and works all the gifts of the Spirit in the church (1 Corinthians 12:7-11).
8. Takes up his abode in sanctified and consecrated hearts of members of body of Christ, in experience known as **BAPTISM WITH (or of) THE HOLY GHOST** (Psalm 51:10, 11; Isaiah 28:9-11; 1 Corinthians 14:21; Joel 2:28, 29; Matthew 3:11; John 14:17; Acts 1:4, 5; 2:4; 10:44-46; James 5:7, 8).
9. Comforts believer's heart in time of trouble (John 14:26).
10. Brings things to our remembrance that Jesus has spoken in Bible (John 14:26).
11. Establishes divine fellowship with believers (Philippians 2:1; 2 Corinthians 13:14).
12. Prays for saints when they do not know what to pray for (Romans 8:26, 27).

**AS GOD'S AGENT**, it is the Holy Ghost who gives the church the **NATURE OF THE GODHEAD**, which is called the Divine Nature in 2 Peter 1:4. Since this Divine Nature is the **ONE THING IN COMMON** among the Members of the **TRINITY**, when we receive it,

from and through the Holy Ghost, we then experience the love of GOD, the grace of **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST** and the communion of **THE HOLY GHOST**. This is the happy privilege of every child of God who will walk in the **LIGHT OF THE TRUTH**.

Thus, there are Three Divine Persons in the **TRINITY**, and that each one of them is a partaker **OF THE DIVINE NATURE OF THE GODHEAD**; and that each one of them **IS A COMPLETE BEING IN HIS OWN RIGHT**.

And now, may the love of God, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you. Amen.



#### **THE ABUNDANT LIFE**

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And when the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost is come, He will come in the full compassion and power of our Lord Jesus Christ, without any limitations, restrictions or restraints, to teach, inspire, and empower us to live a happy and victorious Christian life. The Holy Spirit is a source of power and ability to give us strength sufficient for every difficulty of the way. The Lord knew our inability to save ourselves. It was because of this fact that He went to the cross and paid the ultimate price for our ultimate deliverance. The devil has tried every trick in the book, but he has never brought anything upon the Spirit-filled, but what God's grace was not more than sufficient. The "one called to our side" will always give that added strength, power and ability. The Spirit-filled need never fear what the future might hold as long as they have the anointing of God's Holy Spirit upon their lives.

Just what is the Holy Spirit's ultimate purpose in teaching, directing and comforting the Christian's heart? I think we find the answer in Ephesians 5:25-27, "... Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having

spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." The perfection of the church is the ultimate design and purpose of the Holy Spirit. It is with this in mind that He fills the hearts of believers. His mission in this world is to call out and make ready a Bride for Christ that will be presented to Him at His Second Coming. The Bride of Christ is to come from among the people of this earth whom Satan hath deceived and holds in bondage. The perfection of the Bride will take place right here among the temptations and trials fostered upon man by Satan. Satan would like to accuse God of having a hedge around his people, protecting and shielding them from the common ills of mankind. If he could succeed in doing this, he would have an argument against the love, loyalty and fidelity of the Church. But this is not true. The people of God face the same obstacles in life that other people encounter. They are not immune to the heat and cold, sickness and disease, hardships and privations, temptations and trials, sorrow and death. It makes our cheeks glow with spiritual pride when we remind ourselves that wherever you find man, regardless of his plight, hardships or afflictions, there is some Christian man, woman, boy or girl suffering the same or worse, and not only coming through with faith and loyalty to God, but conscious of the fact that Christian character is being developed with every test. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing has happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." So each day should take on an increased interest and anticipation for the Spirit-filled Christian. It will do so if we will realize that the Holy Spirit is teaching, guiding, comforting, and getting us ready for the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ Who said in His blessed Word, "If I go . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

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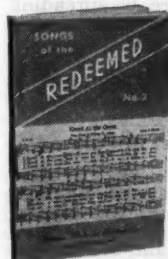
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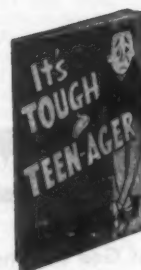
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# revivals

## Hand of God Moving in Great Way

WILLOW RUN, Mich.—God has once again blessed the work here at Willow Run. Since coming here, we have seen the hand of God move in a great way for lost souls. We count it a great move for God and the church here to have had with us for 10 days the Danley family in an old-time revival. People were healed in every service, many from other churches coming to be prayed for, and people found Christ at their seats as well as at the altar. There were 15 saved, 5 sanctified, and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost.

Sister Danley and her daughter, Nancy, are fine musicians and singers, and both Brother and Sister Danley are wonderful evangelists. They will stir your people with their singing and preaching of God's Word.

Our people here at Willow Run will long remember the Danleys.

—Rev. Paul Norris, pastor

## Church Greatly Blessed

NORTH SALEM, Ind. — We have just closed a revival with Rev. A. W. Hall of Greencastle, Indiana. Our church was greatly blessed with 6 saved, 2 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Hall is a well-qualified evangelist, preaching for lost souls. You may contact him at his home address, 905 Crown Street, Greencastle, Indiana.

—Rev. D. E. Simpson, pastor

## Junior Boys' Sunday School Class Won to God

CHASE, Md. — For 14 glorious nights, God's richest blessings were poured out upon us as we were made to realize over and over again that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever! A total of 18 conversions and many definite healings were the visible results. Rev. James H. Lane was the evangelist. The burden and passion he possessed for lost souls quickly spread throughout our congregation, and drove them to their knees in prayer, fasting, and per-

sonal witnessing. This revival introduced several new families to the Church of God, for which we are especially thankful.

Some were healed as the Word of God was preached. The teacher of our junior boys' Sunday School class stood with tears streaming down his face and thanked God for saving all the boys in his class.

While some have given up services on Saturday night and labeled it the "Devil's Night," God yet had victory and blessings for us. There were over 100 people in attendance on Saturday night, and more souls won to Jesus Christ.

We thank God for the tireless efforts of a consecrated evangelist, the endless sacrifices of humble people, and the Spirit of Him through whom it all was made possible.

—Leon H. Ellis, pastor

## God Is Still Blessing

FT. PAYNE, Ala. — The Ft. Payne Church of God is now in the greatest youth revival that this church has ever experienced. We have had 12 saved, 10 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 to unite with the church. All of these have been young people.

Rev. Troy Perry, Jr., 18-year-old evangelist from Mobile, Alabama, has really been a blessing to our church. During this meeting, Brother Perry has worked untiringly with our young people. They broke the Y.P.E. attendance record the first week of the revival.

This revival is not over yet. God is still blessing and people are still coming to God. Be in prayer for this revival and our church.

—Sue Peek, reporter

## Entire Church Revived

ICARD, N. C. — We have just closed a two-week revival with Sister Clara Saunders. The Lord met with us in each soul-stirring service. We had 2 saved, 3 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 added to the church. Sister Saunders is a wonderful preacher, and each message was outstanding. The

church was revived as we feasted on the Word of God as she delivered it under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. She would certainly be a blessing to any church.

Our good pastor has also been working hard. His heart is set on the upbuilding of God's work. He has been repairing and painting the church interior, and he has fixed the parsonage basement for a youth center. Our Sunday School rooms look wonderful. We certainly appreciate Brother and Sister Sprinkle.

—Mrs. Roy Vance, reporter

## First District Revival a Success

NEON, Ky.—The Neon district, which consists of 5 churches, has started what we believe to be the first district revival in our state, (and as far as we know, in any state) with all 5 churches participating in a week's revival at each church. We have completed 2 revivals and started the 3rd. The first at Whitesburg, closed with 16 saved and some baptized with the Holy Ghost. The second, at Thornton, closed with 10 saved, and at the third, at Millstone, 3 were saved the first night and one received the Holy Ghost.

Rev. B. H. (Bobby) Williams has done most of the preaching. It gives a real camp meeting spirit. Old-time revival fire is spreading throughout the entire district and is creating a wonderful fellowship among the churches.

—Hunter Heltsley, district overseer

## Outstanding Revival in Pontiac

PONTIAC, Mich. — The Pontiac Church of God just closed the most outstanding revival in the history of the church. Forty-five souls were saved, 26 sanctified, and 27 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Thirty-three were added to the church and 19 were baptized in water. Rev. Roy Douglas of Albany, Georgia, was the evangelist. Brother Douglas prayed for the sick each night and many testified to the healing power of God. God met with us in every service. Many nights the altar was filled without any preaching. We thank God for sending Brother Douglas our way.

—William J. Brewer, reporter

## Three-Week Revival at Tabb

TABB, Va.—We have just closed a three-week revival with Rev. Linard Adkins from Beaver, West Virginia. There were 17 saved, 10 sanctified, and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost. A number received their healing. I will recommend Rev. Adkins to any pastor.

—Rev. O. C. Collins, pastor





## HARRAWOOD

Floyd Revuell Harrawood, son of Abner Francis and Lula Harrawood, was born June 28, 1902, at Dale, Hamilton County, Illinois. He was married on February 9, 1921, to Miss Marjorie Jordan, of Carmi, Illinois, and to this union were born 9 children, all of which are surviving. The sons are: Kenneth, who is pastor of the Church of God, Harrisburg, Illinois; Floyd Junior, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; John Wilbur, of Evansville, Indiana; and William Harold, of Evansville. The daughters are: Mrs. Ruth Arrwood, of Johnson City, Tennessee; Mrs. Ellene Cable, of Evansville, Indiana; Mrs. Lourenne Hester, of Aurora, Illinois; Mrs. Winnie Craig, of Stonefort, Illinois; and Mrs. Wanda Wallace, of Aurora, Illinois. Rev. Harrawood was the proud grandfather of 17 grandchildren.

Rev. Harrawood was converted and entered the ministry before his marriage to Marjorie. He was converted in May, 1918, at Dale, under the ministry of the Rev. D. P. Barnett and T. S. Payne, Church of God evangelists. This great preacher felt the divine urge to preach the gospel almost immediately upon conversion. He began in Illinois, but the divine will ordered him to minister in Missouri, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, and finally Tennessee, where he pastored the denomination's Headquarters Church.

Brother Harrawood was licensed as an evangelist, November 14, 1919, and was ordained September 26, 1927. The same year of his ordination, he was appointed by the Executive Committee to finish the term of D. R. Moreland, as Overseer of the Missouri and Kansas Churches. He remained in this office through the years 1928 and 1929.

From 1941 to 1943, he served as a member of the Orphanage Board. At the General Assembly of 1943, he was advanced by appointment to the Superintendency of the Orphanage Board and served through the years of 1944-1945.

The record of this great modern Apostle, who probably traveled more miles and preached to more people than Paul of the New Testament, will long ring out with

clarion tones, that he, too, was not disobedient to the Heavenly Vision! In his almost forty years of ministering the gospel, he preached 4,423 sermons, 1,236 converts, 648 of these were sanctified, 334 baptized in the Holy Ghost, and 299 were baptized in water. He organized and set in order 5 new churches. It was just a year, from his retirement to his triumphant departure from earth and entry into heaven.

He passed away while under treatment at the Franklin County Hospital, Benton, Illinois, the place of his last pastorate. Funeral services were conducted at the Eldorado Church of God, under the direction of Floyd Timmerman, Overseer of the Churches of God in Michigan and assisted by C. E. French. Interment was in the Eldorado Gardens Cemetery. —Rev. C. E. French

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## JENKINS

Mrs. Eunice Jenkins, 63, passed away at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gibson. She had been ill for the past 3 years and for the past 2 months had been cared for by her daughter and son-in-law in their home after coming here from her home in Chicago.

Widow of Rev. A. L. Jenkins, who was pastor of the Eldorado Church of God in 1937 and 1938, she leaves 8 children. Her husband died on August 11, 1955, and a son, Weldon, died in October, 1953.

The surviving children are Mrs. Gene Gibson, Mrs. Evelyn Baldwin, Mrs. Clara Statum, Horace, Donald, Hiram, Joel, and John. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Lydia Jenkins of West Helena, Arkansas, 21 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

A short service was conducted by Rev. R. D. Harris at the Bean and Tanner Funeral Home in Eldorado, Illinois, after which the body was moved to the Haver Funeral Home in Chicago and a service held at the Summit Church of God, Summit, Illinois. This service was conducted by Rev. A. G. Stillwell and Rev. Wayne Proctor. Burial was in Memorial Estates Cemetery at Chicago.

—Mrs. Gene Gibson, daughter

## BLACKMON

In memory of my dear mother, Bessie Blackmon, who went to be with Jesus on January 28, 1952. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Charlotte, N. C. The Lord heard and answered her prayer. She wanted to stay with her children until they were big enough to take care of themselves. She was a wonderful mother to love and do for her children. We all miss her, and I want to do my best to live for the blessed Lord and meet my mother again. I hope I can live the kind of life she lived. On her death bed she said she didn't want to get well; she wanted to go be with Jesus. It is hard to tell anyone what a wonderful mother she was.

—Mrs. Joe Morse, daughter

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## WILSON

On February 10, the death angel called our dear brother and His faithful servant home to be with Him. Brother O. C. Wilson had been a member of the Church of God in Trion, Georgia, since its beginning. May I say I have never had a more loyal member. When the doors opened for services, Brother Wilson was there. When an offering or tithes were taken, he was always ready with his. Let me say that our loss has been heaven's gain. Brother Wilson dropped dead as he was returning from his place of prayer. Since a revival in November, 1958, he had been going to pray up in the woods above his house every morning at 9 o'clock.

He leaves to await his resurrection, his wife, 4 daughters, 2 sons (1 of them a Church of God pastor), 3 brothers, 2 sisters, 29 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

His funeral was conducted at the East Trion, Georgia, Church of God by his pastor, J. W. Moore, who was assisted by Mile Knight and Brooks Youngblood.

—J. W. Moore, pastor

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## SMITH

Sister Evelyn B. Smith, born October 19, 1903, left our earthly company and fellowship to take up a more perfect abode surrounded with the beauties of that wonderful place called heaven. Sister Smith was a faithful and loyal member of the Church of God for the past 32 years. She is survived by her faithful and loyal husband, Brother C. W. Smith, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 3 sisters, 5 brothers, and 7 grandchildren. Her loyalty and untiring labor will be missed by her pastor and fellow members of the church.

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